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1. DURING MEETING MAY 22 WITH MFA SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR GENERAL NADIM ON OTHER SUBJECTS, HE REFERRED TO RECENT ABORTIVE MEETING OF IRAQI AND IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN GENEVA (REFTEL) WUCH HE HAD ATTE
AD ANBMSAID THAT
MEETING WAS DOOMED TO FAILURE BECAUSE PUAD COME ABOUT AS RESULT OFQMISUNDERSTANDING BY BOTH SIDES. IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAD COME TO MEETING WITH STRICT INSTRUC-TIONS AND WITH IMPRESSION THAT IRANIANS WERE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITHIN TERMS OF 1937 TREATY, WHILE IRANIANS HAD UNDERSTOOD MEETING WAS LOOSELY STRUCTURED AND ITS PURPOSE WAS FOR GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HOW RELATIONS COULD BE IMPROVED.

2. NADIM ADDED THAT WHILE NOTHING CONCRETE HAD EMERGED FROM GENEVA MEETING IT WAS BEGINNING OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN
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BOTH COUNTRIES, ONE POSITIVE RESULT BEING THAT NEXT TIME TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS SAW EACH OTHER, PROBABLY AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THEY WOULD FIND IT MUCH EASIER TO GET TOGETHER AND EXPLORE OTHER AVENUES FOR RECONCILIATION. NADIM STRESSED THAT DISCUSSION IN GENEVA HAD TAKEN PLACE

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WITHOUT RANCOR AND NEITHER SIDE HAD DISPLAYED ILL WILL
TOWARDS OTHER. ATMOSPHERE WAS THEREFORE CONDUCIVE
TO FURTHER EFFORTS OF THIS NATURE.
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